

## Don't Miss the Boat HURC Summer Worship – 30<sup>th</sup> August 2020

Good morning and welcome to worship. Today is the sixth and final instalment in our summer worship series "Don't Miss the Boat". Today's Boat Story comes from John chapter 21, and focuses on Peter and Jesus.

Here's how The Street Bible puts it:

"The third time Jesus shows up is when the team are back up in Galilee. Seven of the old team are fishing on the lake. Jesus is on the shore, but too far away to make out. He shouts "Caught anything?" They shout back "Nothing!" He tells them to put the net out on the starboard side. They do, and the net's so full they can't drag it back in. Pete realizes, 'It's the boss!' and swims to the beach. The rest moor the boat and join them. Jesus has made a fire; they grill some of their catch for breakfast. When they're stuffed full Jesus confronts Pete on the denial thing and the rooster. He's gentle, but asks how much Pete loves him. The answer: totally. Pete's given the job of building up the squad."

Our first song was written in August 1961 by John Peterson. It describes the personal testimony of how an elderly man gave his life to Jesus, but in many ways it also represents the personal testimony of the disciple Peter.

**HYMN** : O what a wonderful, wonderful day

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### **PRAYER**

Let's pray :

Dear Lord and Heavenly Father,

We gather today to worship you  
As a community of people who hold you in our heart  
We end today our special time of looking at your stories in the Bible that speak of  
your faith and commitment to us your children  
And celebrate the joy you bring to our lives

Although our faith has been tested recently, we know that you have not left us  
You are there for us now and in the future  
And in our worship we have felt the relationship we share with you

We say these our words assured that you know the truth that is in our heart  
We know how blessed we are to have you in our life  
In the name of the Father

Amen

We share together in the Lord's prayer

Our Father,  
Who art in heaven  
Hallowed be thy name  
On earth as it is in heaven  
Give us this day our daily bread  
And forgive our trespasses  
As we forgive those who trespass against us  
And lead us not into temptation  
But deliver us from evil  
For thine is the kingdom  
The power and the glory  
For ever and ever  
Amen

Mark has kindly prepared for us a retelling of the story with some thoughts and some personal reflective challenges. [CLICK HERE TO WATCH](#)

Having watched the video, spend a few minutes considering the following, focussing on the Lost, Loaded and Loved theme..

**Question 1:** Over the last 6 months, many people have lost a great deal, and just like the disciples haven't known what to do. Loss of living as we have known it, loss of community, employment, family and meeting together in church fellowship.

**During this time of loss for many, in what ways has Jesus come to you?**

**Question 2:** When the disciples went back to their old familiar way of life without Jesus, they clearly got nowhere fast. Life was dark, difficult and empty. When they listened and responded to the call of Jesus from the shore, they were greatly blessed with God's provision for them.

**How do you listen for Jesus and how does he bless you?**

**Question 3:** Even though Peter had failed Jesus, Jesus still loved, forgave and gave him a fresh start.

**In what ways do you experience Jesus now and how do you share that love with others?**

Our next song is Oceans

**HYMN :** Oceans (Where Feet May Fail)

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## **COMMUNION**

We wanted to end our Summer series this year by sharing together in the Lord's supper. In our story today, we heard about Jesus sharing a meal with some of his disciples. Jesus invites **US** now to gather and share around his table in communion. If you want to partake in communion, make sure you have some bread and wine/juice ready before clicking the link below.

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## **PRAYER OF INTERCESSION**

Heavenly Father

We, your church, seek to be a community of people loving each other, accepting one another, serving one another, and encouraging one another. Help us to live in harmony with one another and submit to one another.

Thank you for your church, and that we can share together, fellowship together, worship together and pray together. We pause now, to bring before you those in our congregation or in our hearts – asking for your grace, love and comfort in each situation.

In these challenging times, many have suffered great loss and heartache. We ask for your comfort, peace and sustenance at these time for all those who have been affected in the recent crisis.

We ask Lord, you will guide each one of us in our journey of faith. Help us to put you at the centre and not follow our own desires. Help us to respond to you Lord, and receive your blessing and provision, as you gave to your disciples on the shore of Lake Galilee.

Whilst we fail often, we thank you for your constant and unchanging love, your patience and perseverance, and that through Jesus we can begin afresh.

Thank you for your church, and that we can share together, fellowship together, worship together and pray together. We pause now, to bring before you those in our congregation or in our hearts – asking for your grace, love and comfort in each situation.

Lord God, help us to be a church eager to share the Good news of Jesus. We have the good news to share you love us and sent Jesus to die for our sins so that we can become your children, both now and for all eternity. This is a great message in these different times.

Help us to be bold, confident and joyful as with that news as we spread it to our families, our friends, our neighbours, the people of this town, the nation and all over the world.

Lord God, we do this not for ourselves, but for you and for your glory  
In Jesus name, Amen

Our closing song today is regular Don't miss the boat theme hymn "My lighthouse"

**HYMN:** My lighthouse

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### **Closing Prayer**

We say together The Grace:

The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with us all, evermore, Amen.